## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

ERIN BULL, KATHRYN COLBERT,	)
TAMIKA DAVIS, MISSAES	)
DESJARDINS, EMILY GUGLIEMELLI,	)
TRISTA HUBBARD, CANDICE	)
JACQUES, REZ'HANA MADDOX,	)
SHERAY OMINYI, CANDACE PEGUES,	)
BRANDI TAPIA, and THE	)
CONTRIBUTOR, INC., a Tennessee-based	)
non-profit corporation,	)
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Plaintiffs,	)
	)
<b>v.</b>	) No. 3:25-cv-41
	)
CLARENCE H. CARTER, in his official	) Chief Judge William Campbell
capacity as Commissioner of the Tennessee	) Magistrate Judge Jeffery Frensley
Department of Human Services,	)
	)
Defendant.	)

### DEFENDANT'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO DEPOSE AN INCARCERATED PLAINTIFF

Plaintiffs informed Defendant, Commissioner Carter, on March 3, 2025, that Brandi Tapia was recently incarcerated. Ms. Tapia was scheduled for deposition on March 5, 2025, and Plaintiffs have previously stated that they intend to call her as a witness at the hearing April 3, 2025. Thus, Counsel respectfully requests leave of the Court under Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(a)(2)(B) to depose Brandi Tapia on March 5, 2025. Good cause exists to grant this motion.

Plaintiffs moved for a preliminary injunction and class certification on January 24, 2025. (Dkts. 23, 24.) Commissioner Carter's responses to those motions are due on March 20, 2025, and the parties are currently engaged in expedited discovery with fully booked schedules through March

10, 2025. (Dkts. 29, 30.) The parties previously stipulated to a deposition schedule that would require Ms. Tapia to sit for a deposition in the Tennessee Justice Center headquarters in Nashville on March Because Ms. Tapia is incarcerated, that is no longer possible. Plaintiffs assured Commissioner Carter on March 4, 2025, that they have arranged with the Davidson County Sheriff's Office for Ms. Tapia to sit for deposition at the Metro Nashville-Davidson County Correctional Development Center-Female located at 5115 Harding Pike in Nashville, Tennessee at 9:00 a.m. on March 5, 2025.

Because Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(a)(2)(B) requires parties to obtain leave of Court before taking the deposition of an incarcerated person, Commissioner Carter asks the Court to rule on this motion on an expedited basis and grant leave before March 5, 2025, so there is time to take this deposition.

Plaintiffs do not oppose this motion.

For these reasons, this motion should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing was served by operation of the

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